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NOTICE TO EXPORTERS

This notice is to inform exporters that some countries of the European Union have recently stalled several import shipments.

The shipments were held because:

1. The product packaging did not include the Food and Drug Administration/ European Union approval - establishment number, or
2. The container number was not included on the European Union Health Certificate.

Please be advised that these are requirements of the European Union, and your shipments may be at risk if you do not comply.

It is your responsibility to discuss all European Union requirements with importing customers to verify if the country, to which you are exporting, is requiring the establishment number on the product packaging or the container number on the health certificate.

At times, AMS can amend certificates for products covered by a European Union Health Certificate; however, not all importing countries accept amended certificates. It is the exporter and manufacturing facility's responsibility to ensure all European Union requirements are met before requesting health certificates from the USDA.